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NIGHT WATCH- MAN DROWNED

POSED TO HAVE FALLEN
FROM PROJECTING PIER OR
BARGE.

DUTY AT QUARRY

Reputation as Expert Swimmer.
Why He Could Not Save Him-
self, a Mystery.

Antonius Bjorn, nightwatchman at Hale & Korn quarry, at St. Helens, was drowned last Saturday night. The body was recovered the next day. There was no suggestion of foul play. The supposition is that the unfortunate man, making the rounds of the plant, from one of the barges, which were receiving cargo, and, although the reputation of being an expert swimmer, was unable to save his life. His midnight luncheon was disturbed, an evidence that the accident happened before midnight. Mr. Bjorn had been in the employ of Hale & Korn as nightwatchman since the 19th of March, and had the confidence of his employers. He was the reputation of being sober and industrious, and for this reason the cause of the accident is considered to have been purely accidental.

Coroner White took charge of the inquest. He held no inquest, as there was no evidence upon which to base a suspicion of any wrong doing. The deceased was about 25 years of age, leaves a wife and very small child.

RAIN STRIKES A CHINAMAN

Engineer Used Every Means to Avert
Accident. Chinese Consul at
Portland Notified.

An Oriental, supposed to have been a Chinaman, was struck and knocked into the water by train No. 24 Sunday evening. The unfortunate Chinaman was crossing the railroad trestle east of tunnel No. 3, between St. Helens and Rainier. He was walking in the same direction with the train and when first observed by the engineer was about four or five hundred feet ahead, and apparently without knowledge of the near approach of the train. The engineer at once vigorously pulled the whistle cord and applied the regular and emergency brakes and brought the train to a standstill, but not until the man had been hurled from the trestle. Trainmen were left for the purpose of recovering the body, and Coroner White was notified. Search was continued all night and the next day, but the body was not recovered until

Mr. H. R. Elbon and brother from Rainier, had arrived and secured the body with grappling hooks not far from the place where the accident occurred.

The body was taken to Rainier and placed in the morgue. Coroner White left Monday night and found that the skull had been crushed and other parts of the body bruised and broken. The Chinese Consul at Portland was notified. Nothing was found which would identify the man.

LOCAL AGENCY SELLS OVERLANDS

Three New Cars Delivered Here During Past Two Weeks.

Overland automobiles are taking on a spurt of popularity with local people just at present, the local agency, the City Garage, having sold three cars within the last three weeks. J. O. Divens, the popular S. P. & S. agent at Haulton, having been the first purchaser. This week the firm of H. Morgus & Son annexed to themselves an Overland, which they are enjoying to the limit. The latest sale was made to R. C. Burgess, head sawyer at the plant of the St. Helens Lumber Co. Mr. Burgess' car is in the garage and ready for delivery. The 1916 Overland is a neat appearing car, and has occupied a popular place in the public esteem for a long time.

MINSTREL A HOWL- ING BIG SUCCESS

IMMENSE CROWD, SPLENDID
SONGS AND MELODIES—TWO
HOURS OF ENJOYMENT.

Seating Capacity of the Hall Was
Filled and Standing Room Was at
a Premium.

The minstrel show, staged Wednesday night by the Sunset Athletic Club was a huge success from start to finish. If you were not present you missed the real show of the season. The seating capacity was soon taken and large numbers were compelled to stand.

The program was unusually good. New "hits," trios, solos, quartettes, old plantation melodies and negro folk songs supplied the evening with music, wit and mirth. No city of the old south can boast of more "classy" gents of ebony hue than those which occupied the spot light of St. Helens on Wednesday night. In fact, the excellent program and costuming would do credit to the minstrels of Fisk university, where the "dusky sons of Ham" started the minstrelsy years ago.

Mayor Morton, who took a leading role, made a short address at the opening of the performance. He spoke very highly of the work and interest of all the members of the Fire Department, and expressed his gratitude and the gratitude of all the boys for the assistance and interest of the people of the community in general. Thousands of dollars have

HONOR WHERE HONOR IS DUE

Gone But Not Forgotten. All Honor to the Invincible
Soldier. Some Still With Us

Universally we are a race of hero worshippers. To exalt the supreme qualities of virtue and to reverse the memory of heroes is a noble characteristic.

Our nation has dedicated the 30th day of May to the honor and memory of those who gave their blood and sweat to the service of their country. Let every head be bared and every heart do fitting homage to the soldiery of other days. Some still linger among us but their ranks are thinning fast.

While we commemorate the valor of those, let us not fail to do honor to that stalwart host of invincible warriors who braved the dangers and hardships of wilderness and mountain, and hewed out of the wilds of this then unknown vastness, the possibilities of the present and succeeded-

ing generations. All honor to the pioneer! No soldier was ever more loyal, more courageous or more worthy of high esteem and reverence. His enlistment was for life. His weapons were the ax and musket. His spirit to conquer led him always forward. No barrier, however strong, withstood the mighty tread of this army of the frontier day. With deeds of valor and unexcelled examples of individual bravery seldom sung and scarcely if ever applauded, they blazed the trail, and opened the way for the mighty civilization of the West. There are many of these old heroes still among us. Many have passed, and some with scarcely a mark to note their last resting place. Let us not forget these to whom we owe so much. They are worthy of every commemoration.

been saved by the splendid service of the department.

The citizens are deeply grateful and showed their interest by the large attendance. Something over a hundred dollars was cleared. This will be placed in the general fund.

Those taking part in the minstrelsy were as follows: Mayor Morton, interlocutor; E. B. Woods, end; M. E. Miller, end; Dr. Tucker, Flavius Sten, Fred Morgus, L. E. Allen, Mickey McDonald and George Pringle.

NEW BOAT LAUNCHED AND CHRISTENED

Perhaps the Largest Exclusive Fish-
Trading Boat on River.

The launch recently built at the plant of the St. Helens Shipbuilding Company for the Columbia River Packers Association was launched last Sunday morning. The vessel is 52 feet long, beam 11 feet 4 inches, depth of hold 4 feet 9 inches. She was christened the Grace, and will be employed in handling fish.

The new vessel is receiving her power equipment, which will consist of a 50-horse Atlas gas engine, and will develop a speed of about 12 miles an hour. It is hoped to have her ready for commission in about one week.

The Grace was named for Manager E. I. Ballagh's small daughter, who had part in the christening ceremony.

THREE CASES OF THEFT AND ROBBERY

Sheriff Voices His Determination to
Break Up Prolonged Thievery

The home of Ed Spangler of Clatskanie, was broken into Sunday night, while he was away at work, and his wife absent on a visit. After noting the loss of several articles, investigations revealed the fact that the burglars had left very plain footprints about the house. Deputy Bumgardner was notified immediately and bloodhounds were put on the trail, which led toward Rainier.

Deputy Bumgardner was assisted by Deputy James Jesse and Mr. Spangler. The pursued were overtaken near the Rice place and one was made prisoner by Mr. Rice. The deputies made the other arrest.

The prisoners, John Ashborn and Albert DeLellis, are being held in custody by Sheriff Stanwood, pending trial.

According to Mr. Spangler and neighbors, these men had been seen in the neighborhood for several days, and particularly about the place which was entered. The value of articles taken is not known. Most of them have been recovered.

On Saturday night the residence of Mr. W. E. Clarke at Deer Island, was entered and robbed while Mr. Clarke and his wife were in St. Helens. No clue whatever has been found leading to the discovery of the house-breakers. A miscellaneous lot of articles, including food stuffs, was taken.

(not included in any other collection). Each variety must be properly named and tagged. Name of exhibitor must not be placed on tag. Stems, thorns and foliage to be judged with rose.

CHILD POISONED; DEATH RESULTS

Physician Hastily Summoned but
the Child's System Absorbed Suf-
ficient to Cause Death.

The little one year and seven months-old child of Andrew Johnson, who resides about two miles west of Warren, was poisoned by eating a large quantity of la grippe tablets Tuesday, which it had found somewhere about the house. The mother was busy at the time and as the child was quiet, had no knowledge of its having the medicine. It was a new box and contained 87 tablets, over 40 of which the child had consumed.

Dr. Peet was summoned and administered emetics, but the poison had so penetrated the child's system that it quickly succumbed. Mr. Johnson, who was working at the Chapman camp, was called home as soon as the little one became sick. There are three other children in the family. Coroner White went out to the home Wednesday morning. Interment took place at 2:30 in the Swedish cemetery yesterday.

LARGE VESSEL SOON TO BE CONSTRUCTED

LOCAL SHIPBUILDING COMPANY
TO BEGIN WORK ON FIVE-
MASTER IN SHORT TIME.

First of Type, and Largest Wooden
Vessel Which Was Ever Built on
the Pacific Coast.

Another large vessel is to be produced by the St. Helens Shipbuilding Company, work to be started not later than the first of July, and perhaps as early as June 15th. This will be the largest vessel built by the local concern, and, indeed, the largest wooden vessel ever built on the Pacific Coast. The new ship will be controlled by the Chas. R. McCormick Lumber Company.

This vessel is to be of the very latest type of construction, being a five-master, supplied with auxiliary motor power sufficient to enable it to make six or eight knots per hour in case of encountering calms at sea, docking purposes and making harbor moves. She will have a lumber carrying capacity of two million feet, and will engage in the lumber-carrying trade exclusively.

The dimensions of the new vessel will be, length 265 feet, beam 45 feet, depth of hold 19 feet, and when fully loaded will have a draught of 23 feet.

The details of the type of construction of this vessel will embody many most excellent features, affording great advantage in all respects as a lumber handler. Foremost among these will be the fact that the cost of operation will be reduced to the minimum. A crew of but twelve men will be all that are necessary. The equipment for handling lumber will consist of four steam winches, which will be in or out of the vessel 400,000 feet per

ANOTHER TIM- BER INDUSTRY

AMERICAN TIMBER COMPANY TO
WORK OUT TIMBER LOCATED
NEAR DEER ISLAND.

LOGGING RAILROAD

Surveys Are Now Being Made and
Road Construction Begun in Very
Near Future.

The Mist is very reliably informed that the construction of another logging railroad in Columbia county is one of the new industries which is to be established here in the very near future. In fact, surveys are now being made and rights-of-way secured for the line.

This new industry is to be established at Deer Island, by the American Timber Company, whose timber holdings in that vicinity consist of approximately four hundred million feet. The American Timber Company has controlled this tract of timber for about fifteen years. It will be necessary to install about two miles of road to reach the timber. The landings and rollways, we are informed, will be installed on Deer Island and slough.

The American Timber Company's holdings extend westward from near Deer Island several miles, and includes that area between Milton creek and Tide creek. Their timber is largely red and bastard fir, with a considerable quantity of cedar.

day, reducing her lay days to but five under ordinary circumstances. Her type of construction, also, while of the most excellent material, will be of comparatively low cost for so large a ship.

This will be the first vessel of this type to be constructed on the Pacific Coast, and it may not be out of place here to state that at no other place in the world could such a vessel be built, owing to the superior quality of the material, included in which will be an unusual amount of extremely long timbers, which can be supplied at St. Helens at a minimum cost.

One of the locally advantageous matters about the building of this vessel will be the fact that Columbia county will produce practically every bit of the material that will go into her construction. And a feature will be the fact that ership will rest largely with Columbia county people. With this vessel on the ways in the local shipbuilding plant at least 100 skilled mechanics will be provided with steady employment for about seven months.

The Columbia river has practically no registered vessels, and it is the desire of the promoters of this enterprise to establish a line of locally owned and operated ships plying out of the Columbia river engaged in the off-shore trade. This vessel will enter the trade from here to Africa, South America, Mexico and the Atlantic coast.

Tonnage at this time is extremely

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THE MINSTRELS AS SEEN BY THE MIST CARTOONIST



AS THE MIST CARTOONIST SAW THEM WEDNESDAY NIGHT

